

How A Chick Hatches

It takes 21 days for a chick to develop inside a fertile egg. The egg must be kept warm by the hen or in an incubator.



1. When the chick is ready to hatch, it uses an egg tooth on its beak to peck a hole in the shell. The chick rests often while it is hatching.



2. The chick pecks and turns until it has cracked the shell all the way around.



6. Two hours later the chick is fluffy and active. It will grow quickly and be full-grown in six months.



5. The tired, wet chick flops down to rest. Its feathers begin to dry.



3. The chick pushes with its body and feet to make the crack bigger.



4. At last, the shell breaks apart and the chick pulls itself out.